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1a. Much individual and formation flying with fighter air-
craft was observed over TULA (37°37'N/54°12'E). Tula Oblast.

b. Description of aircraft: Low-wing monoplane, radial engine,
wings in slight dihedral, tapering leading edge, trailing edge
straight, rounded wing tips, single rudder assembly.

2. Parachute jumps over a period of about 20 minutes were seen
several times in the evening. The parachutists jumped in
groups of six or seven from a twin-engine aircraft flying at
an altitude of 2,600 to 3,300 feet. The planes were fitted
with two radial engines, had a single rudder assembly, double
trapezoidal wings in slight dihedral, section of fuselage
forward of wings much shorter than that aft of wings.

3. A towed cargo glider at an altitude of about 1,000 feet was
observed in the Summer of 1949. The tow line was about
165 feet long.

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Comment:

The data on parachute jumps confirm previous
reports on a parachute training center in TULA. Cargo gliders
towed by twin-engine aircraft (mostly LI-29) were observed
almost as frequently as the parachute jumps.

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